BEAM COMIX

紅い実はじけた 2

高橋那津子

AKAIMI HAJIKETA
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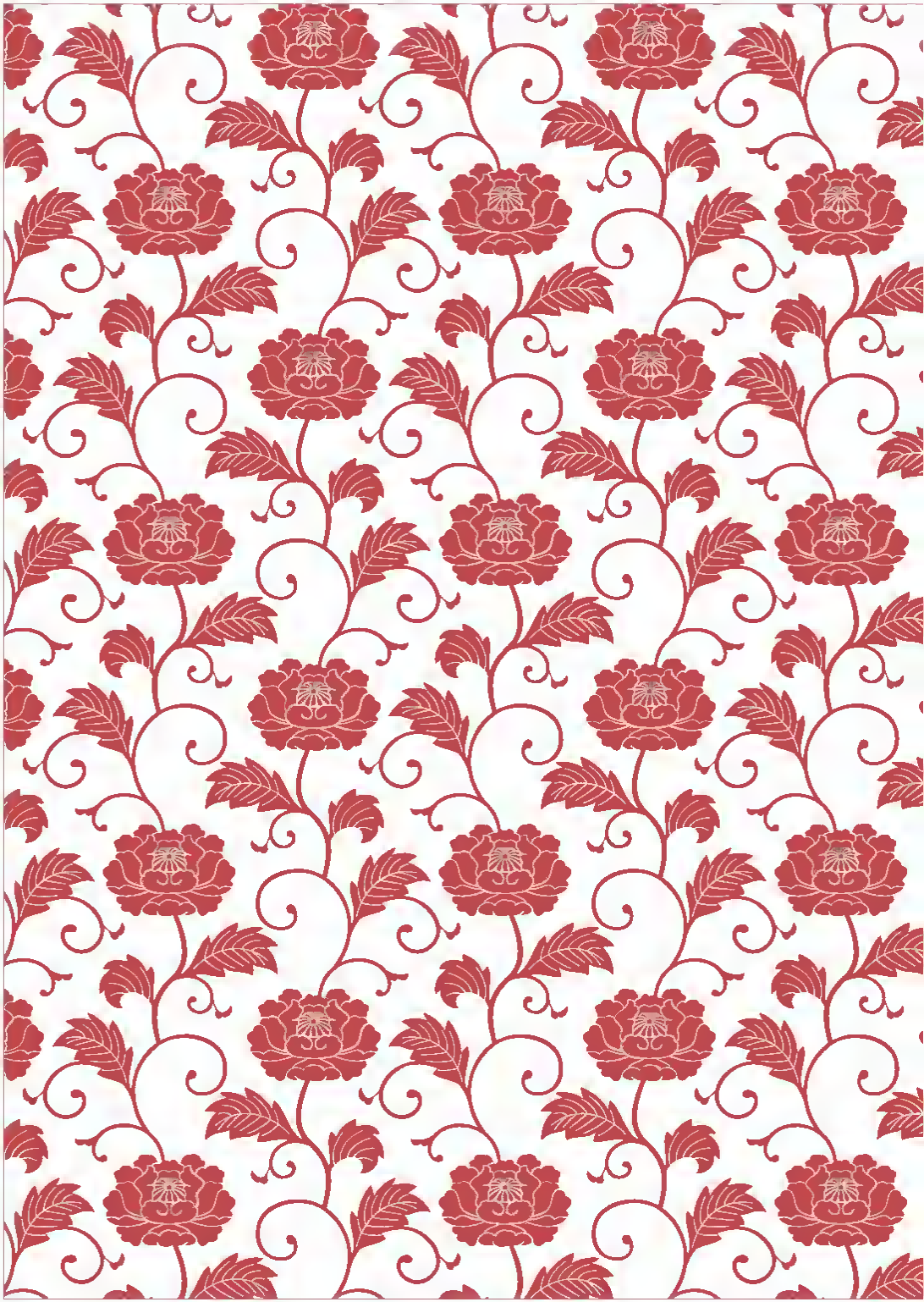

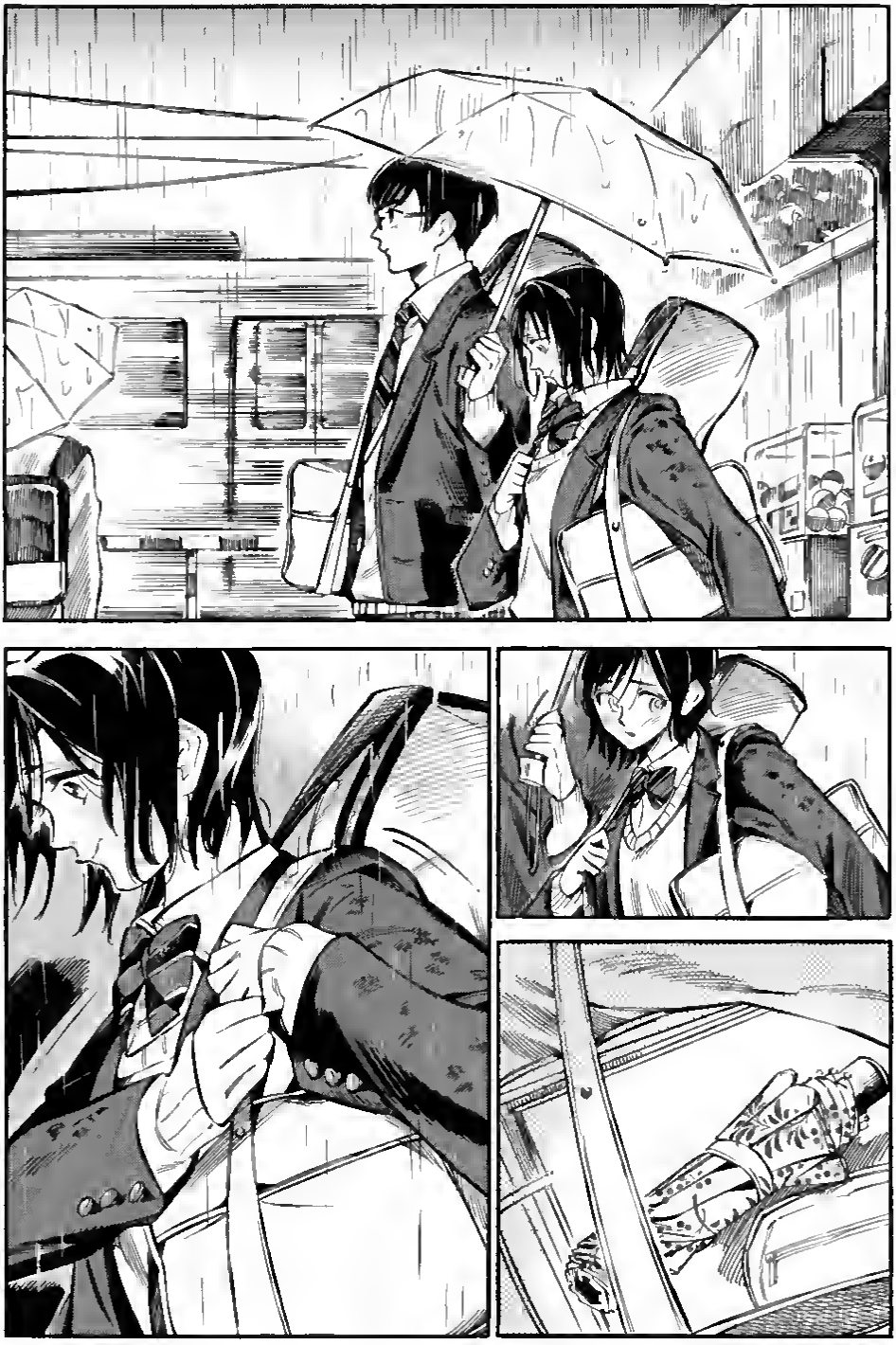

Yeah.
Um!
Thanks for holding the umbrella!

Will you...
Go out with me?
Hey...

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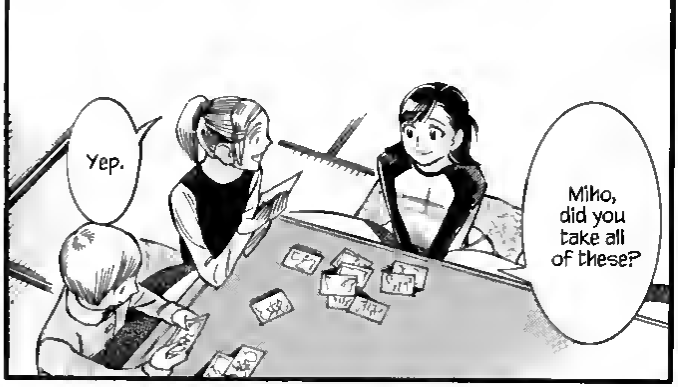
The Eighth Chapter Our Secret

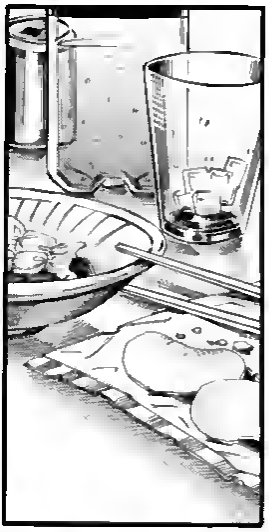
Oh, uh...
It'll just be a moment.
Miho?
Where are you going?
Really, it'll just be a moment.
Sorry!
Huh? But we're all ready to go.
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
SHUT

Ah-
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
11/13 (土)
CAN WE GO HOME TOGETHER?
SUGA TETSU
NO WAY. EVERYONE WILL SEE US.
It's already been an entire week...
since we started going out...
But...
I-
I guess ...
That is true...

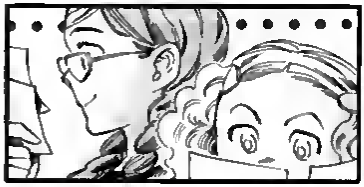
Oh, Miho. There you are.
Sorry about that!
Hurry up, sit down!
On a great Cultural Festival!
Congratulations...
Okay.
Ready, set...
Nice work!
Mou-chan...
Hurray! Good job, everyone!
Nice job, Yacchan!

Suga-kun...
Good work!
You too, good work.
Yeah.
Me too, good work!!
Suga~!!
Nice job~!!

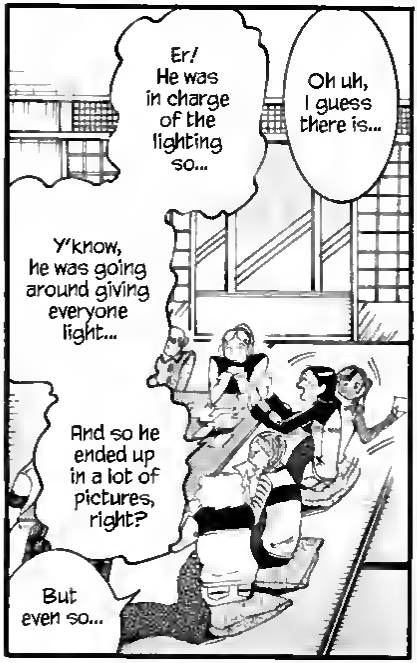

Miho, did you take all of these?
Yep.



I took all these...
during the re-hearsal.



Ooh, let me see!
Uh huh.


Er! He was in charge of the lighting so...
Oh uh, I guess there is...
Y'know, he was going around giving everyone light...
And so he ended up in a lot of pictures, right?
But even so...

There uh...
There sure is a lot of Suga-kun, huh?

Don't be an idiot.
Oh, shut up.
No wait...
Uh-
Haha, she's totally into you, man!
It is! Really!
Alright then.
Like I said, it's just a coincidence!
Yeah!
Guess so.

Ahaha.
Sorry, I was just spacing out a little.
Here, come join us.
Don't just stand there.
Miiiiiho!
Hey,
Look, over there.
Do you think they're going out?
Yeah, totally.
They've been talking like that for a while now.

Aww, the official Class 2B couple!
Wh-what?!
Stop already!!
It's getting hot in here!
Woohoo!
Of course, they've gotta be.
Riiight?!
You're so cute, Yori-chan!!
Love is in the air!!

Oh...
Thanks.
You two go spend time together!
Oh, I'll do that!
Huh?
We have to go over it anyway.
Okay, that's enough already!
We have to collect the fees now!
Wwww
I need to collect your fees!
Every-one!
Umm-
2年B組
¥500
Listen...
to...
me!!
Every-one!
Please...
.....

Hey, you guys...
Got just a second?
Girls, you can give it to Suzuki.
Guys, give it to me.
The entrance fee was 500 yen.
We're gonna collect it now.
Huh, what's up?
N-
No way...
We're gonna be sitting at the kotatsu.
OKAY!
Uh-

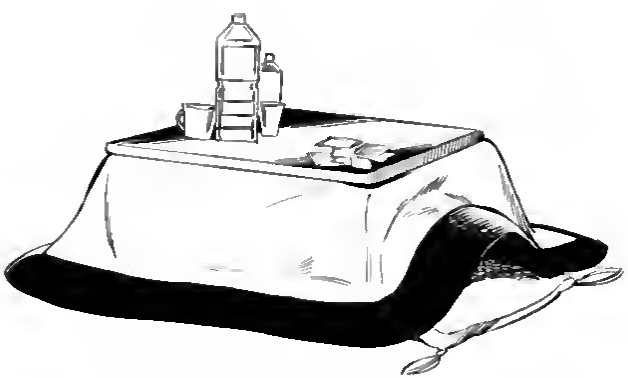
Um, here you go?
Oh!
Yes!
Thank you!
Miho...
Yes?!
Um...
Suga-kun...
Thank you for helping me.
Yep.

Here you go.
Thanks.
EKRIT EKRIT
EKRIT EKRIT
Then that's everyone.
I think that was all the girls.
Oh, no.
Not a problem.
Sorry, it took me a while.

Your Sadako was really scary.
S-so you know...
Our class was really popular, huh?
Uh huh.
Everyone worked so hard!
Seriously.
You were awesome.
W-
Wait, you think so?!
Yeah.
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
I-
I really had no idea...
TAP
TAP
TAP
Oh, I see...
TAP
TAP
TAP

Um...
Oh right!
I haven't written down my own name!

See you all later!
G'night guys!
Good night, everyone~
Good night!
Y-Yeah.
See you.



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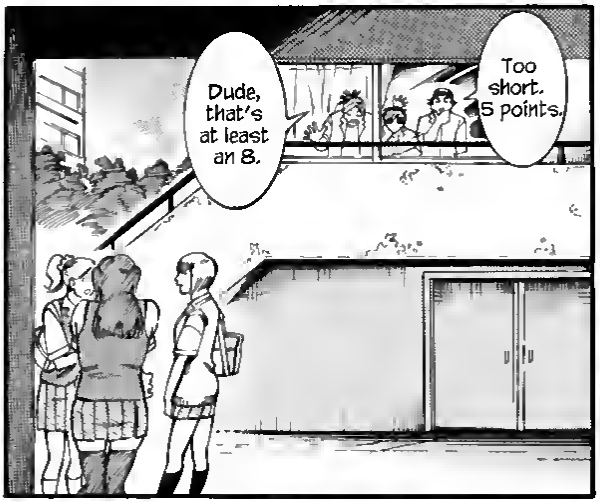
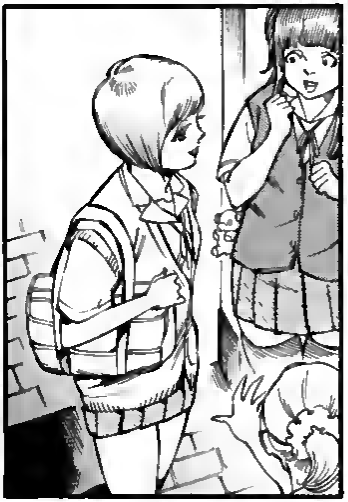
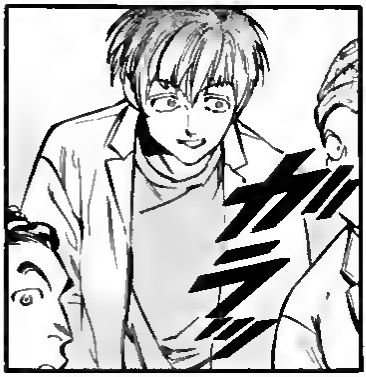
2 points.


Too short. 5 points.
Dude, that's at least an 8.





You guys are seriously...
way too lame.
Your standards are just way too high, Katsuki.

Mitoro-senpai!
Welcome back!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
Welcome back!
Wel-come!
Phew~~
Pff

GULP
GULP
GULP
Have some plum tea?
Hm.
Ka-tsuki.
Yessir!
Oh.
You mean Utsumi?
Heard your class...
Got a transfer student?
Yeah, that chick.
She ain't bad.

Utsumi's really...
not that big of a deal.
Nah.
You're right!
She does have a pretty nice face!
There's a totally cute girl...
in the next-
Why don't-cha...
go fetch her for me.
Hey.
What'd I just say?

Utsumi...
Did something happen?
Nah...
I uh...
Well, kinda.
You got...
just a second?
I just kinda wanna...
show you something.
Hey, Katsu-kun!
.....

Ugh...
Uu uu ugh
Utsumi?
ガラララッ

Hey, Utsumi?
Can we talk a second?
What do you want?
W-well uh...!
What did he want?
Weren't you the one who called me there?
He asked me out.
Sorry about that...

Oh.
That so...
I turned him down.
I don't have the time...
to be fooling around like that.

You could've done just as well.
Even the coaches said as much.
I heard you got third place at the city-wide swim meet.
That's awesome.
C'mon.
I've got nowhere near...
enough motivation for that.
And that's exactly why...
you're just a follower now.
Anyway/ Watch out for Mitoro-senpai.
He's got his eyes on you.
Thanks for the half-assed warning.

You...
are...
so-
I finally came back after 3 years,
and I expected to see my strong and determined friend again.
Maybe I was hoping for too much.
SLIDE
SHUT

Mail
Address: Utsumi
Body: Get outta here.
Send
You find her?
Not yet.
TAP
TAP
TAP
looking all over for you
Sen-pai's been,
TAP
TAP
TAP
Reply
Sender: Utsumi
Body
Why should I?
You sure you looked hard enough?
Well, her shoes are still here,
so she should be here...
VRRR
VRRR
I'm fuckin' thirsty!
We're goin' back.
Yessir!
I want some plum tea.
Guess that's that.

Dude!!
Come on!
I just told you!
Mind comin' with me a bit?
No wonder we couldn't find you.
Hey.
Excuse me.
Sorry, I'm in a hurry

If a teacher sees this...
Se-
Senpai, c'mon. Let's stop already.
Hey, hold up.
Hm?

Your shoulders...
are pretty manly, ain't they?
Wait up!
Hey!
Haha.
That bugs you, huh?

I wonder if...
my shoulders will end up like that.
You only swim butterfly after all.
So of course they will.
I bet they will.

This sucks...
Hey.
What's wrong?
Just kidding!
But she still...
kept swimming anyway.
that's bothering her?
So even now,

Oh, hey.
Maybe some raisin bread?
Sen-pai!
What kind of bread would you like?!
You always hiding them in there?
So...
Ain't it hot?
Why not take it off?

Please, just stop already!!

What...

the fuck're you ass-holes...
starin' at?!

Clear out, guys!
That's enough!

Fuckin' bitch...
Fuckin' bitch!!
That fuckin'...
bitch!
Huh?
Get that sweater.
Al-right.
G-
Got it.
Uum...
We're gonna make her listen.
You heard me.

Huh?
Well, she's in my class after all.
I'll just grab it tomorrow.
Let me.
I'll do it.
Think they're still...
selling that raisin bread?
You, get me some plum tea.
Okay.
Don't fuck this up.
I won't!
Oh man...
For real?
Haha
Ha...

Hey mom.
I'm gonna borrow this.
Hey, Utsumi!
Guess she's at still at the pool.
Okay.
Send

Address: Utsumi
Re:
Don't wear your cardigan tomorrow!
DON'T WEAR IT!!!

Your message didn't make any sense!
What's going on?
Why are you still wearing it??
I told you to take it off after PE ended!
Ugh...
Shit, this is bad!
I don't have anything else...
to say to him anymore!

RING
RING RING
You idiot!
I'm trying to save your ass he-
Hello?
Yeah.
Later.
Alright, I got it. I'm coming.
Wait, what?
Seriously, just go home, damnit!
I'm telling you, forget the cardigan!

Sniff
O-
Oh, yeah.
Got a nice smell.
Huh?
Right.
Gonna take a look..
Let's go.
at the man shoulders.

TAP
TAP
TAP
Hehe.
They're probably even bigger than mine.
Utsumi!
Please be gone already...
C'mon, I'm begging you.
Address: Utsumi
Body: You went home, right?
Send
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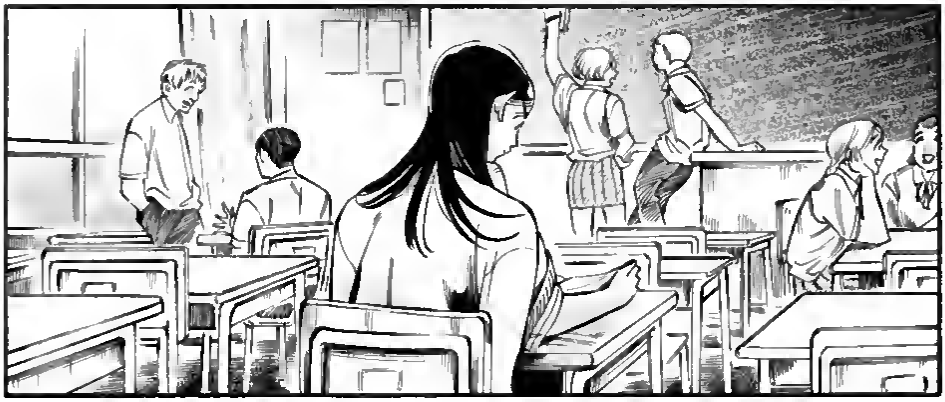


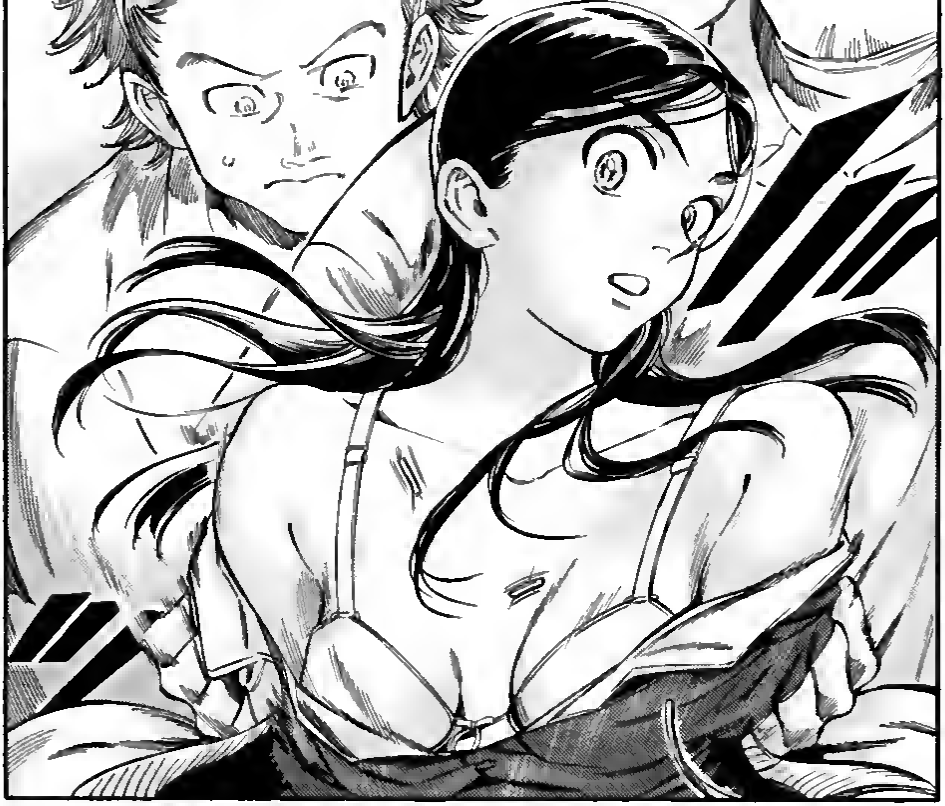
Exactly whose..
is this?

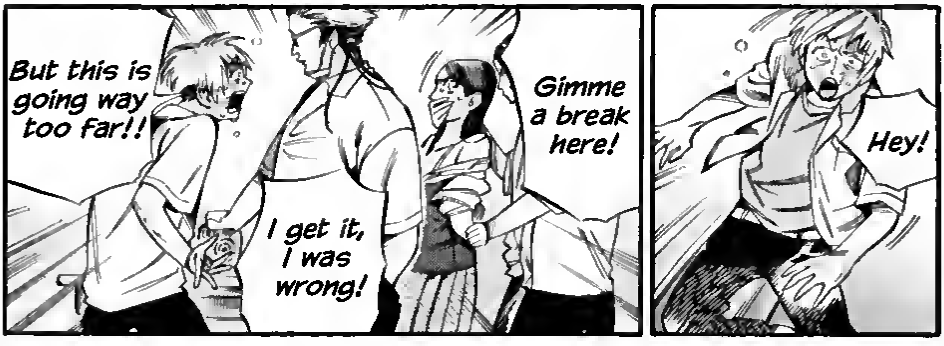
Yo, Katsuki.

RUSTLE
AHEM

it's my uh...
my mom's.

You two are childhood buddies, are ya...
I see.
Huh?
Just whose side are you on here?
Stop it!
.....
That hurts!
Katsuki.
First time I've heard that story,




But this is going way too far!!
I get it, I was wrong!
Gimme a break here!
Hey!

Why don't you use this...
and take a picture?
you waitin' for?
The fuck're...
Huh...?
Take it...
No...
Wait...

Let's see it.

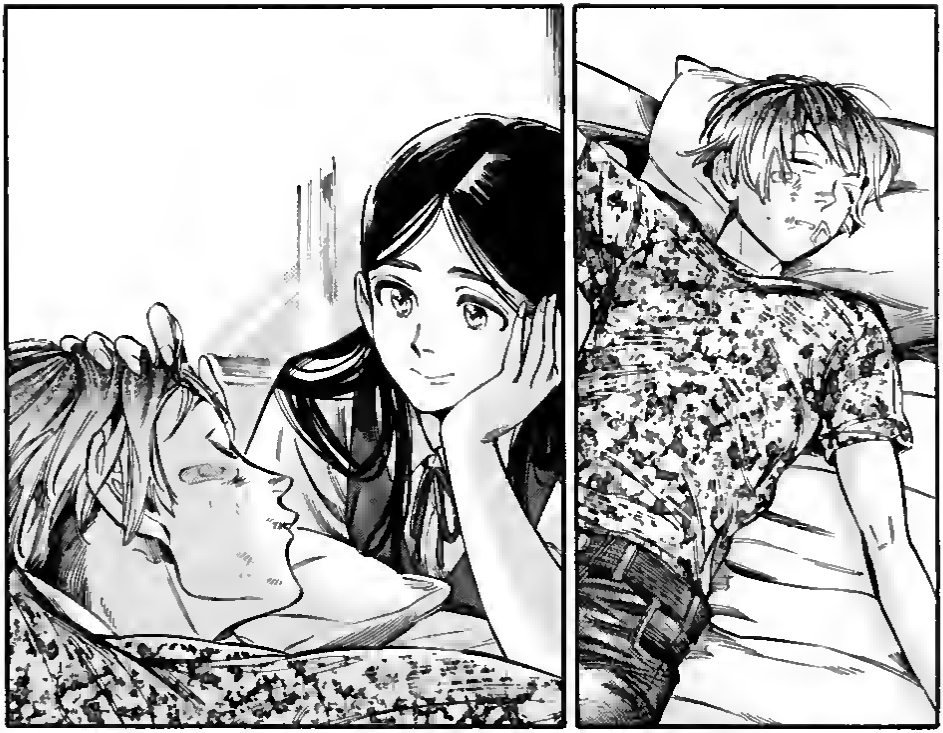
カリ
フ!!
CHEW
CHEW
CHEW

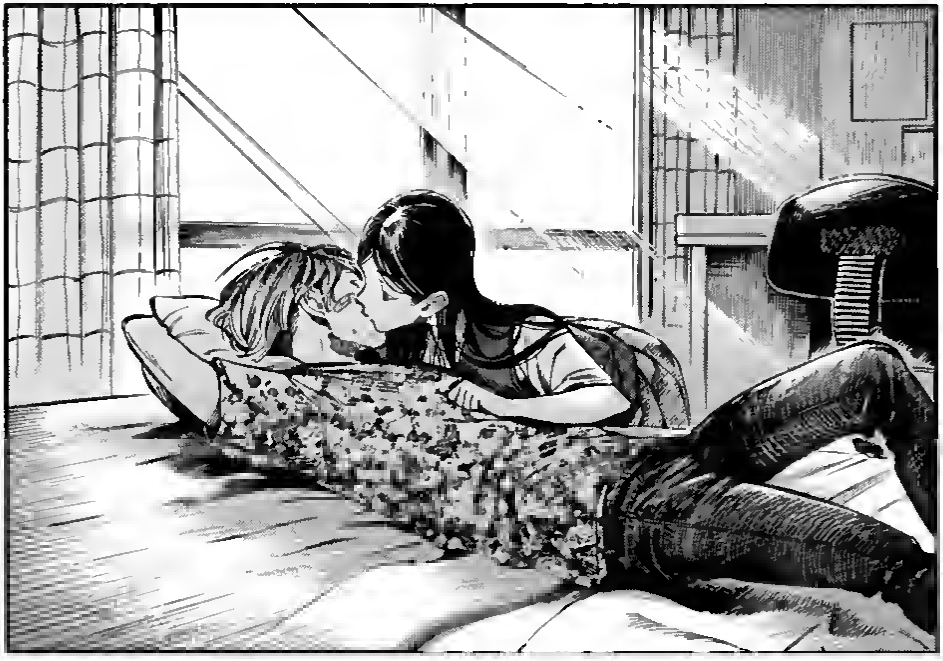
Spit it out!
The fuck're you doing?
Son of a bitch!
You asshole!
GULP
mm
mph
Umm
Ugh
guu
Mmph

Don't friggin' act...
like I'm your friend!!
Listen up...
Assholes like...
you...
A gold medal...
should be worth that much!
Stop fussing over your stupid shoulders already!
And you too!

Be prouder of yourself!!
Dum-my.
Enough's enough!!
Shut the hell up!
Don't you dare mess with me!

SLIDE
ahahaha
Iyaaa~
Mm...
I brought you today's material.
It's fine, you can lie down.
Oh, no.
Did I wake you up?
Oh, sorry.
Thank you.
Katsu-kun...





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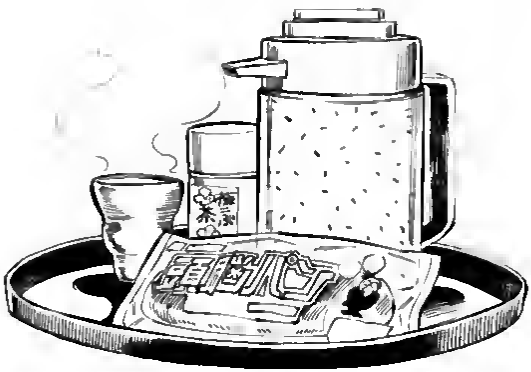

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[The Tenth Chapter] Meiko-san's Incident

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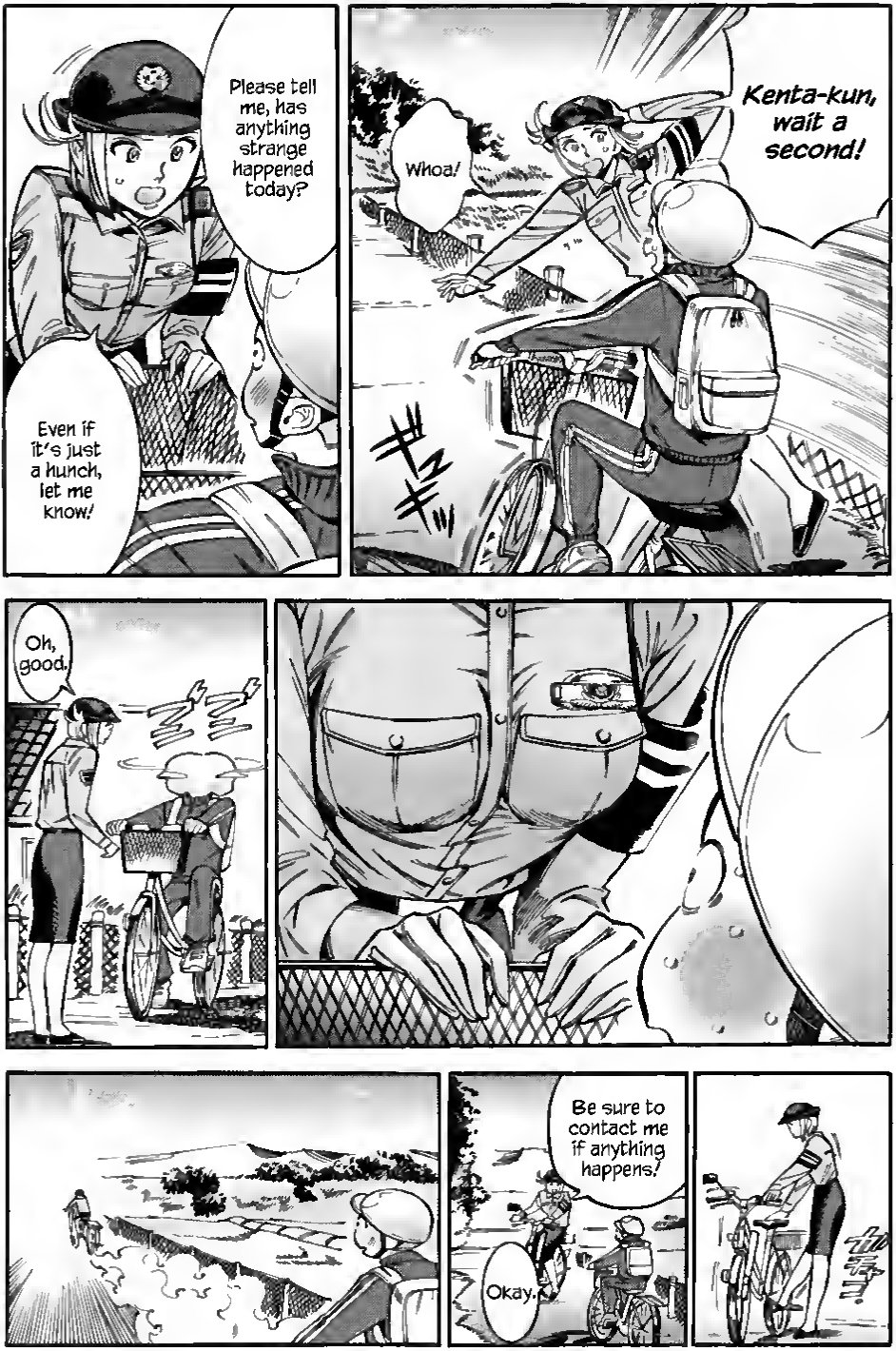
9/11
ハッ

Sugiura-san! Shouda-san!
It's out!!
It's...
What?
So it is...
"The right wing"...

You really think...
this is some kind of omen that something will happen today?
So what?
Officer Fuji!
Give it a break already!
Exactly.
Like that chain car crash last time.
"The right wing" has already warned us of several events so far.
It's usually the big ones, too...
Wa-
Wait a second, chief.
Isn't that just common sense?!
Something may happen someplace, sometime today...

I can't fix it on my own.
If I do, it might make whatever happens today worse..
It's just a coinci-dence.
Now go fix that bedhead of yours.
Chief, wait...
We're done talking.
And you two, stop enabling her nonsense!
S-sorry, Chief!
You idiot!
You're the one who needs to be less distracted!
Come on...
We shouldn't be distracted by things like this...
I'd really like today to be a good one...

But I don't have the time to be down.
Something is definitely going to happen today.
Well, I suppose I had that coming...
キコキコ
キコキコ
What's that?!
Ah
Just glass...
G-good morning...


Please tell me, has anything strange happened today?
Even if it's just a hunch, let me know!
Kenta-kun, wait a second!
Whoa!
Oh, good.
Be sure to contact me if anything happens!
Okay.

Genrouta-san, hello!
I'm here on patrol!
Hello~!
Genrouta-saaan!
That's weird, he's usually here around this time.
Guess he's out.

Whoa!

So-
So-
So-
So-
Soya-saaan!!
Good to see you.
HAH HAH
HAH
HAH
Ge-
Gen-
Gen-
COUGH COUGH
Oh.
Meiko-san, hello.

Genrouta-san...
wasn't at home!
Yes.
He's at his friend Seki-san's today.
Sorry... for bothering you.
Ah...no. Nothing.
Did something happen?

You seem busy today.
Oh, it's nothing serious...
glug glug glug glug glug
I needed that!
Oh, thank you so much.
It's no problem.
Soya-san, is there maybe...
anything troubling you?
Troubling?
Hmm...
I wonder about that.

Ah.
It's Dad again.
Please contact me immediately if anything happens.
Sure, I will.
He's always playing a prank on me around this time of day.
It can be quite tiring for me.
Your dad?
Yes.
Ah.
Please answer it.
Thanks. Excuse me.
A prank?

I can't hear you over all the noise.
Huh? Wait, wait.
Hello?
Dad?
What?
Yes.
Once more.
You don't feel well?
Okay.
Bye.
Oh, you always say that.
I'll be there soon.

Genrouta-san isn't feeling well?
Don't worry about something like this.
It's not serious.
Like I told you, it's just a prank.
No, it's not that.
He's over at this Seki-san's place, right?
Let's hurry.
But...
He's only calling me over...
because he's feeling lonely or bored.

Meiko-san!
Sorry, I'm going to borrow this!
My bike has a flat tire.
Soya-san, you too.
Please get on the back.
Huh?
But-
Hurry!
Today,
he might actually not be feeling well!

Grab on tightly, okay?
Sorry about this.
Y-
Yes.
Wah!

SCREECH
It's okay, just open it!
Seki-san!

You brought Meiko-chan too, did ya?
Heh!
Oh~!! You're finally here!!
I was waiting for you~!
Hm?
I knew you understood, don't ya boy!
The more people the better the drink!
Have a drink with us!
C'mon sit down!

I was the one who rushed to conclusions like that after all.
No, don't be. It's my fault.
I am so sorry about this.
Well, then.
I'll be on my way.
I need to check other places, too.
So this wasn't it, huh.
....

Huh?
You were on patrol, right? I'll give you a ride.
Meiko-san.
Oh, no.
I can't have a civilian giving an officer a ride.
.....
Th-
Thank you.
Don't worry about it.
Well, this is private property.
So it's fine.

Whoa.
Don't worry, you're just fine.
I'm sorry, I'm really heavy.
Like this?
Just like that, it's perfect.
It would probably be easier to ride sitting sideways.
What?!
Oh, no.
Relax.
We're two people,
so we might shake a little bit at the start.
Are you sure I'm not too heavy?!
Alright!
Really?
Hm?

Wow, you were such a good kid.
Not even during school?
Not at all.
It's my first time riding like this.
about a police officer!
Although I suppose that's a strange thing to say...
Okay!
Hang on tight!
Ah- Please ride safely!
so I'm going to kick it into high gear!
We've wasted quite a bit of time on our trip,
Roger!
No, no.
You'll fall if you do it like that.

I ended up with...
a lot of spare vegetables today,
so take some with you.
There's some corn...
Oh.
And toma-toes.
Okay.
I promise you, they'll be delicious.

Your hair!!
Welcome back.
Whoa!
Sorry I'm late!
So what was it this time?!
Flat tire.
F-...
F-?!
So the argument this morning ended up being all for nothing.
Huh, pretty minor incident this time.

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[The Eleventh Chapter] The Riceball Prince and the Plum Princess

Begin!
KOUDAN HIGH SCHOOL - THEATER CLUB
PRODUCER, DIRECTOR
YOMODA HIJIRI
Okay, we're at the Plum Princess rescue scene.
And...
I AM AN ENEMY TO THE DARK KINGDOM, THE PLUM KINGDOM'S...
PRIN-CESS.
WHY ARE YOU BEING CHASED...
BY MEN OF THE DARK KINGDOM?
WOULD YOU PLEASE ALLOW ME TO ACCOMPANY YOU...
ON YOUR JOURNEY?
KOUDAN HIGH SCHOOL - THEATER CLUB
PLUM PRINCESS ACTRESS
ANNO MOMOKO
I SEE.
IN ORDER TO THREATEN MY FATHER.
THE DARK KINGDOM IS TRYING TO CAPTURE ME...

I'M SORRY, BUT...
I BEG OF YOU!
I SWEAR...
I WILL NOT BE A BURDEN TO YOU...!
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH

How was Yomo-yan this time?
Hasabe.
Gan-chan,
Gufufu
Gufufu
KOUDAN HIGH SCHOOL - THEATER CLUB
COSTUMES
HASABE TOUKO
He's on fire today.
Right, Hasabe?
KOUDAN HIGH SCHOOL - THEATER CLUB
PROPS AND SCENERY
IWASHIMIZU DAN
I knew it.
No mistake about it.
KOUDAN HIGH SCHOOL - THEATER CLUB
RICEBALL PRINCE ACTOR
RUKI HIKARU

And he doesn't even realize it.
He...
TWITCH TWITCH
Ever since that summer training camp,
every time Anno says a big line...
gets just like this.
But instead he went to all the trouble of writing one himself.
I thought it was weird.
We could have just used a popular play.
So basically...
Yep. Good eye, Gan-chan.
And this script could only work with Anno as the heroine.

This thing's actually a love letter...
from Yomo-yan to Anno!
Heh, stop it.
Take a look over there.
You're good, Ruki!
I get it!

How-ever!
would in fact have a requited love...
Who'd have thought that our gloomy little Yomo-yan...
That stupid theater geek...
is still beating around the bush!!
.....

what on earth is happening here.
close in, and in the face of danger the riceball prince.
men of the dark kingdom.
Ruki? What is it?
Yomo-yan.
Huh?
.....

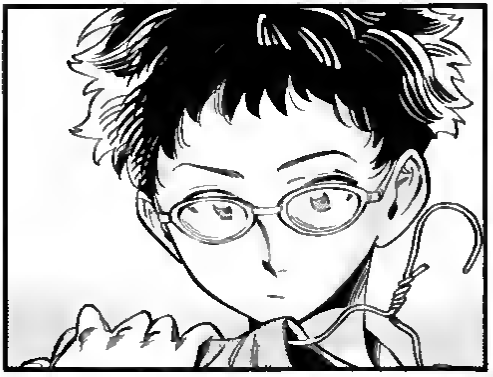
I was walking home, and then...
Yester-day...
Yomo-yan.
I'm sorry!

That's it.
Show's canceled.
Huh?
but it's not like we can put on the play without the main actor.
I feel the same way,
Yeah, everyone worked their butts off to show this at the Cultural Festival, we can't call it off over something like this!
Y-yeah, that's right!
Wait!
Come on, man. Tomorrow's the big day!

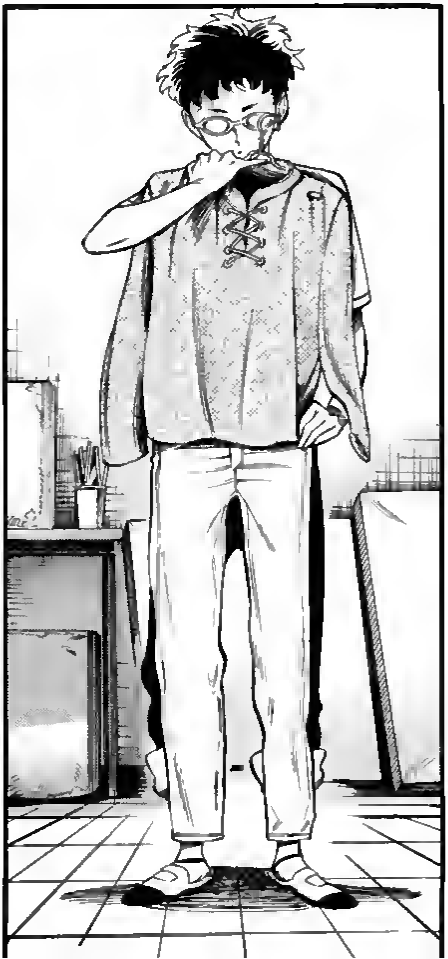
Why not? You can just...
replace me!
We can't replace the Riceball Prince in a single day.
It's impos-sible.
What's done is done.
We're just going to have to be more forceful.
He's not listening to anything we say.
Hey, what should we do now? He's gonna cancel the whole play over this.

It's fine.
I can still do it.
I'll just have to hide my hand.
That's too dange-rous.
And how will you do that?
you said yourself that you wanted to keep going with this.
Any way,
It's better than us just stopping here.
I did, but...

Here, hold it.
anyone else besides me.
probably won't fit...
My costume...



And of course,
I'm the only one who knows my lines.



It's not like anyone else...
can memorize your stupidly long script in a single day.
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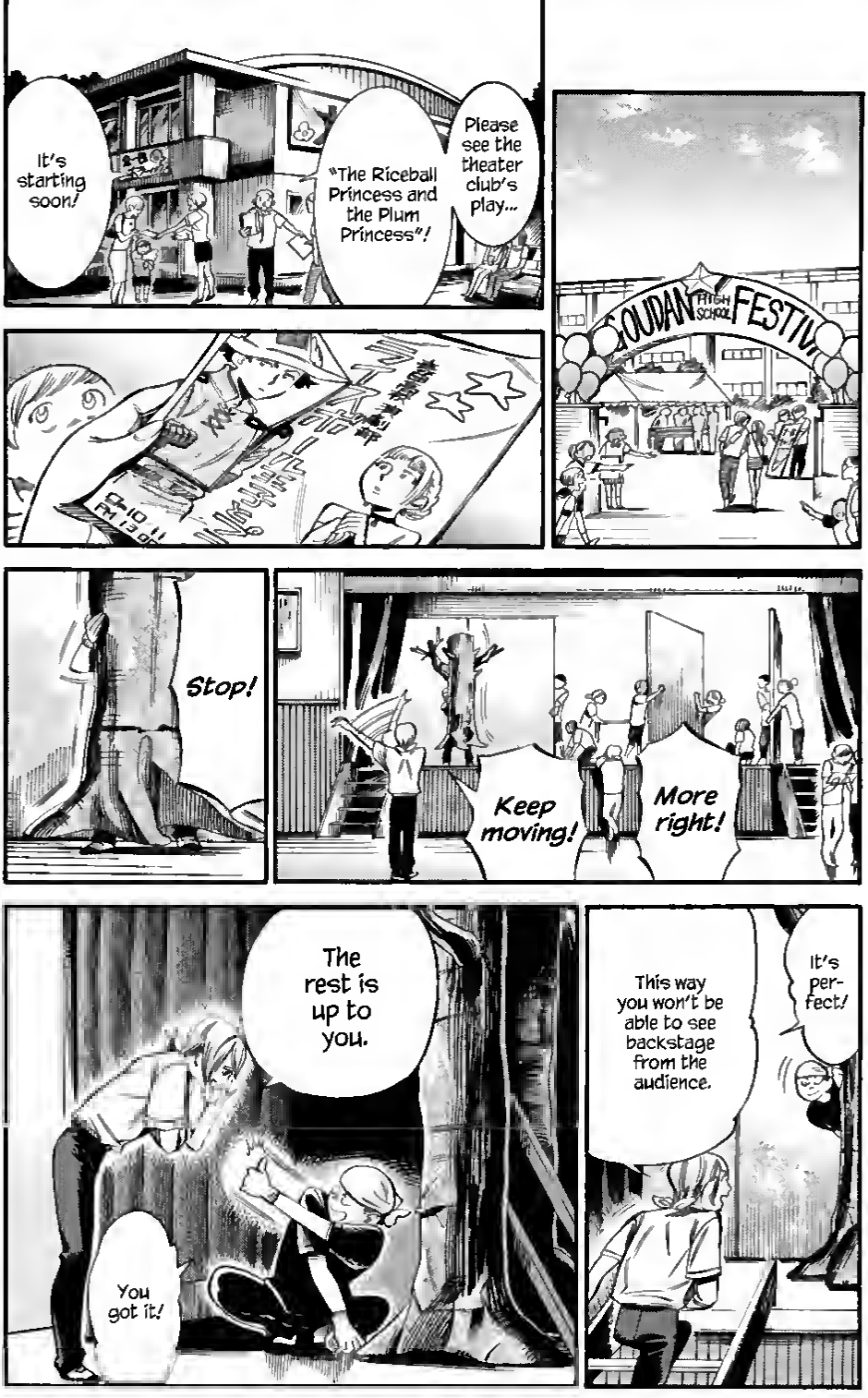
Anno!
Y-
Yes!
I'm going to do it!
Don't start on that! I don't give a crap about my hand!

Yomo-yan...
on your mark.
R-
right.
Begin!
Ready...
This is going to be our last rehearsal!
Let's start with the Dark Kingdom capture scene!
Got it!
Ugh...
PLEASE, JUST LISTEN TO ME!
PLEASE RUN AWAY.
BUT...
PLUM PRIN-CESS,
WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL,
Please don't push yourself too much, Ruki-senpai.
Oww ...

Huh?
Something wrong, Yomo-yan?
It seems like...
the costume would fit me.
Well, uh...
Yeah?
So it looks like...
maybe I could do it instead...
And I'm the one who wrote those lines,
so I remember them.

Yomo-yan...
Heh...
I agree with this.
I...
Huh?
What do you say, Anno?
I leave the Riceball Prince...
in your hands!!


It's starting soon!
"The Riceball Princess and the Plum Princess"!
Please see the theater club's play...
GOUDAN HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL
Stop!
Keep moving!
More right!
The rest is up to you.
You got it!
This way you won't be able to see backstage from the audience.
It's perfect!

Anno-san, do you mind showing it to Ruki-san?
Ah, sure.
How's the costume coming?
It's completely flawless. I even pulled an all-nighter for this one.
Hey, Hasebe.
Um, do you think it's too short? It is, isn't it...?
No way!
This is great! It's way better than before!

Please, help Yomo-yan in any way you can.
I have to apologize for the sudden change in actors.
Right!
Anno!
You'll just have to pull through.
Even if Yomo-yan makes a huge mistake.
R-
right.

You'll be just fine.
Yeah.
I'm okay.
Yomo-yan.
You feeling okay?
All you need to do...
is cut loose!
As the writer of this play,
you have the spirit of the Riceball Prince within you.
Okay guys, we're ready to roll!

キュル
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WHERE ON EARTH...
IS THIS PLACE ...?
IT SEEMS I'VE LANDED QUITE A WAYS FROM HOME.
I WONDER IF MY PARENTS ARE WELL.
AND I WONDER...
WHAT MY SISTER, SESAMIN, AND MY FRIEND, BRAN, ARE DOING RIGHT NOW.
NO, I CAN'T!
Good, he's taken it away perfectly.

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED!
I CAN'T RETURN TO THE PAST ANYMORE!
ガッ!!
He must have practiced for a long time,
even before we switched yesterday!
He's usually so reserved and apathetic,
but his performance right now
Wait...
He's better than me?

I've never seen Riceball Prince this good before.
Well,
this is just the start.
After all, this kind of fake Riceball Prince...
will not move the Plum Princess's heart.
He just needs a little push...
to make him act more naturally.

STOP IT!
LET ME GO!
EEK!
GIGI
GI
MISS, ARE YOU OKAY?
CAN YOU STAND?
GIGI
GIGI

YES, I'M FINE.
GLANCE
GLANCE
GLANCE

Hehe.
I'm highly confident in my ability to make sexy costumes.
He looked twice!
Nice!
DEAR TRAVELER,
I THANK YOU.

It's not over yet!
We'll need an even bigger fire...
for Yomo-yan here...
We've got him!
Heh...
I AM AN ENEMY TO THE DARK KINGDOM, THE PLUM KINGDOM'S...
PRINCESS.
WHY ARE YOU BEING CHASED...
BY MEN OF THE DARK KINGDOM?
He's naive.
Is he listening while keeping his distance?!
I SEE.
THE DARK KINGDOM IS TRYING TO CAPTURE ME IN ORDER TO THREATEN MY FATHER.

WOULD YOU PLEASE ...
ALLOW ME TO ACCOM-PANY YOU...
.....
OH YOUR JOURNEY?

I BEG OF YOU!
TWITCH

Nice block!
Now we're talking!
LET US GO TOGETHER
OF COURSE.
You think a guy...
could make a living being a traveler?

It's the last push.
You're up, Ruki!
Next is...
The last scene between the Riceball Prince and the Plum Princess.
And say goodbye...
to the Dark King.
Yeah.
Leave it to me!
Hey, Riceball Prince.
Excuse me, I have something to say to the Riceball Prince, if you've seen him...
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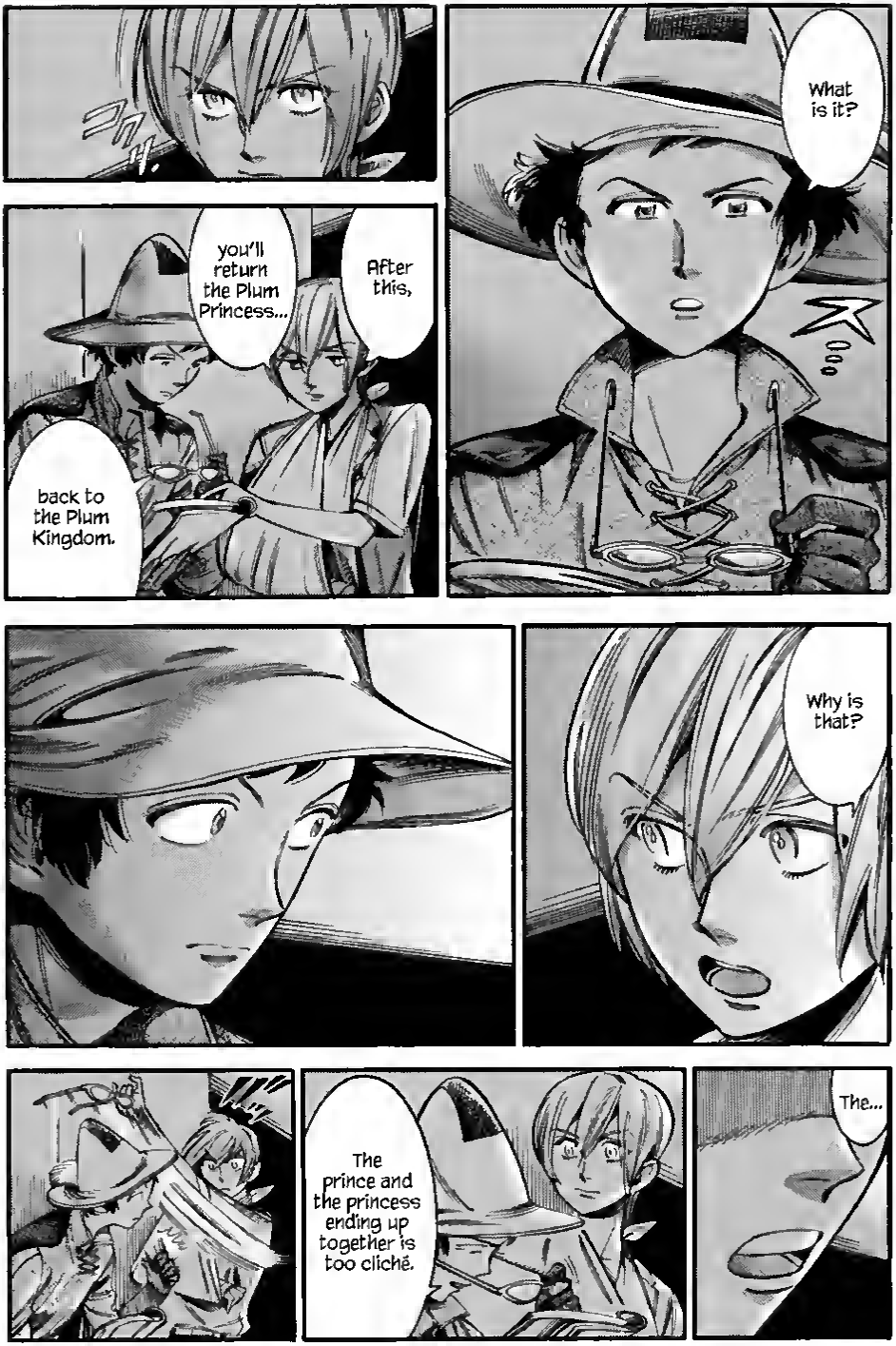
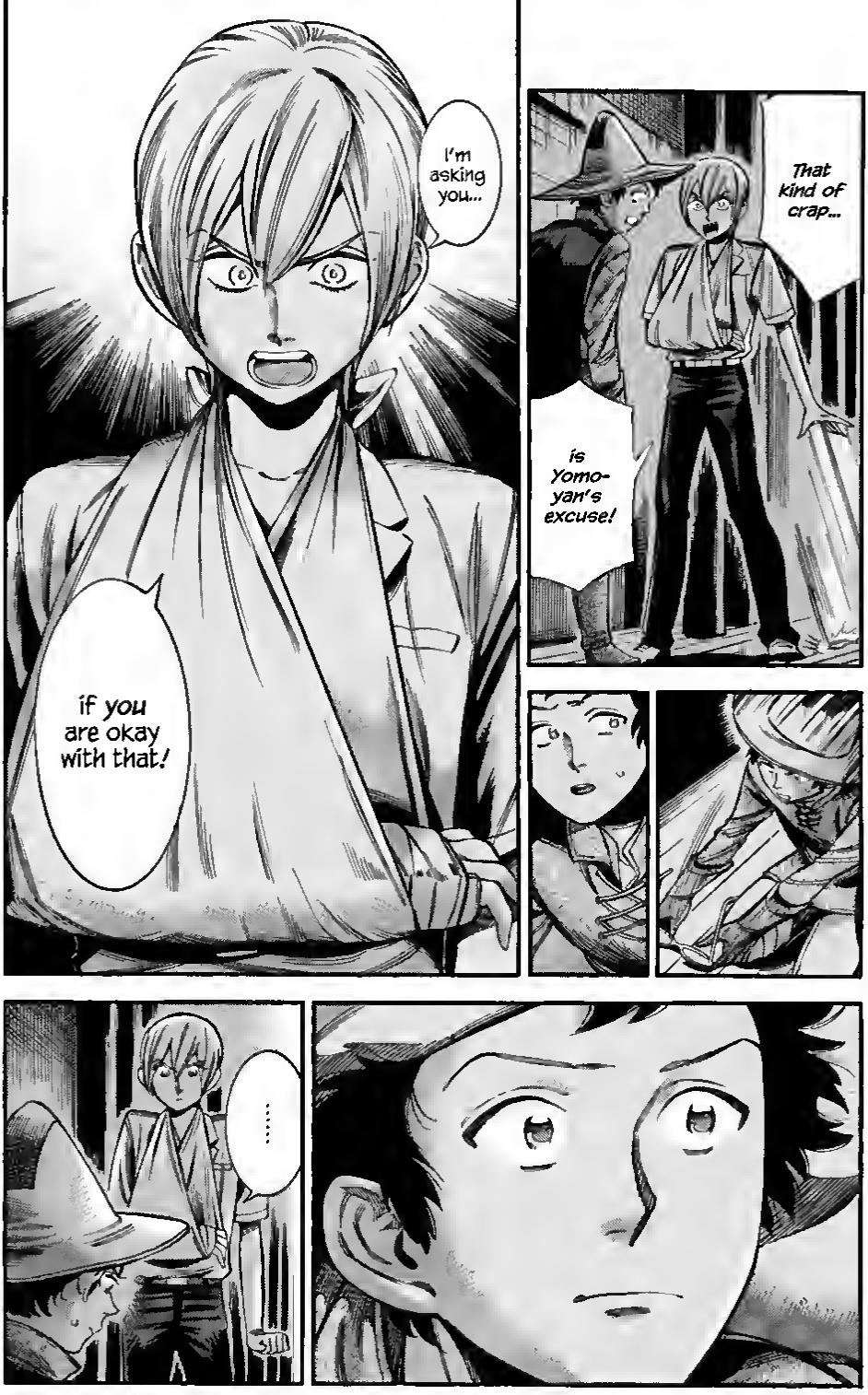
Huh?
What?


What is it?
After this,
you'll return the Plum Princess...
back to the Plum Kingdom.
Why is that?
The prince and the princess ending up together is too cliché.
The...


I'm asking you...
if you are okay with that!
That kind of crap...
is Yomo-yan's excuse!
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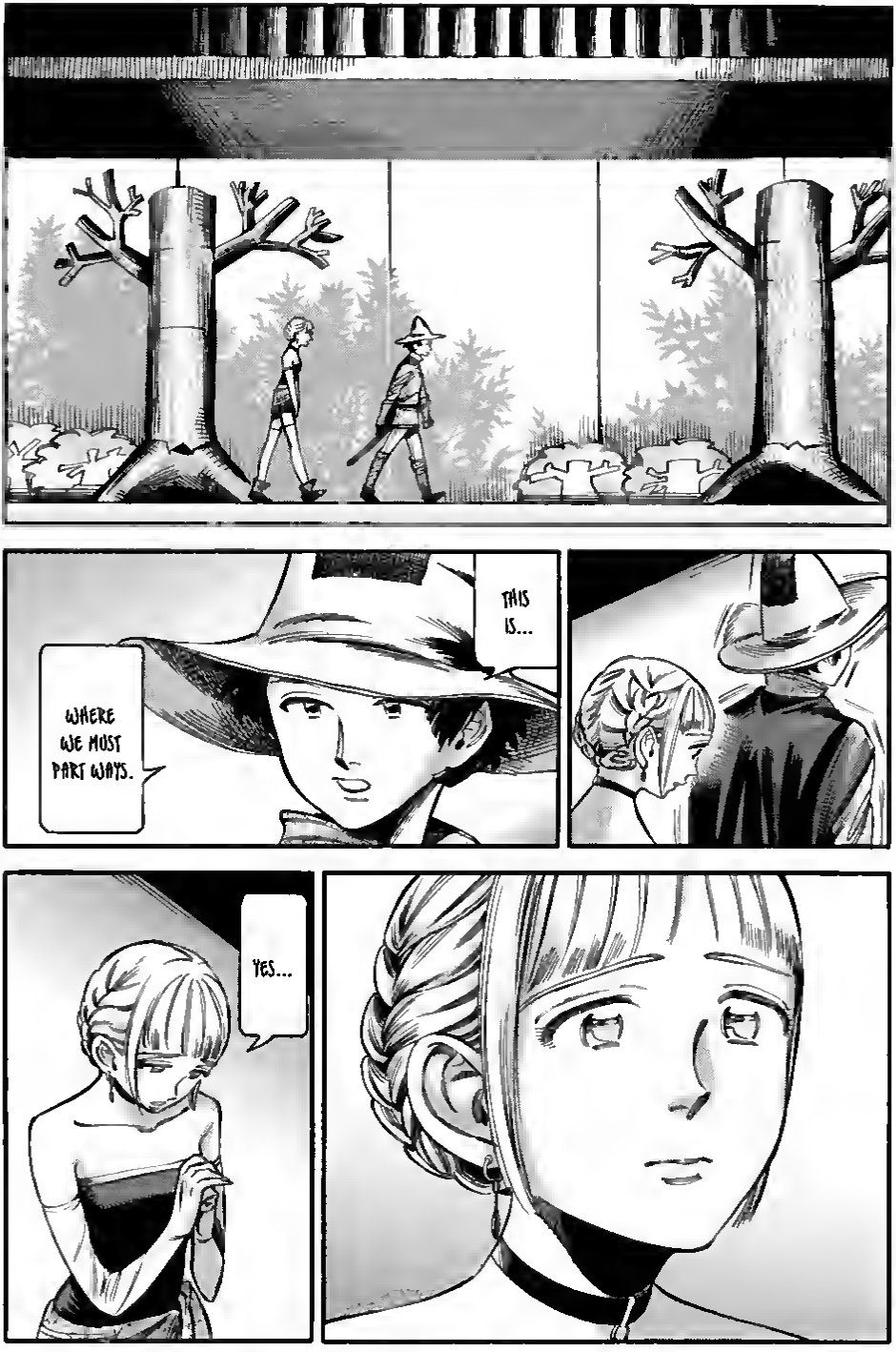
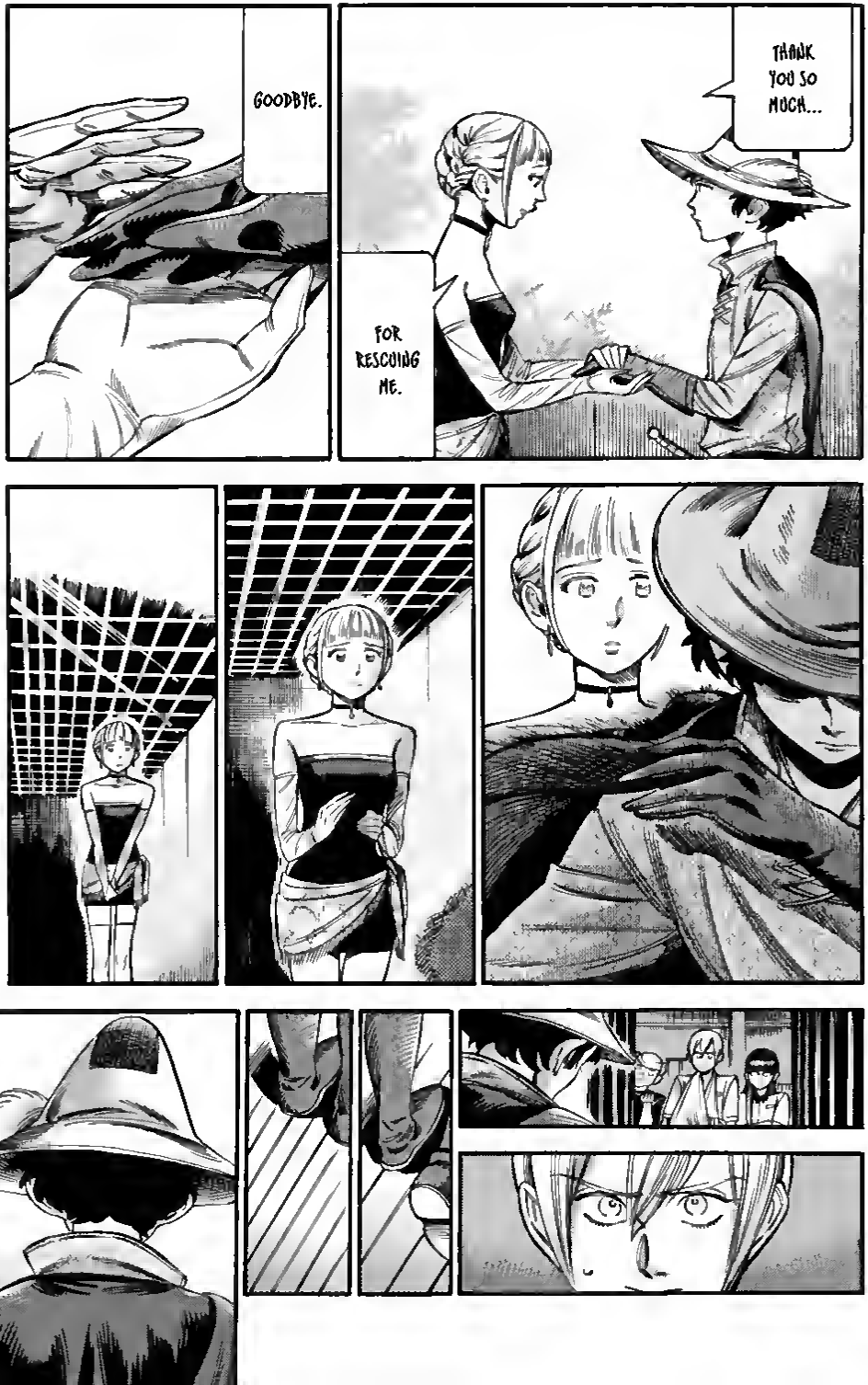
Are you okay...
not letting her know how you feel?
Are you really satisfied...
with it ending like this?!
Are you, Riceball Prince?!


THIS IS...
WHERE WE MUST PART WAYS.
YES...


GOODBYE.
THANK YOU SO MUCH...
FOR RESCUING ME.

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PLUM PRINCESS...
WILL YOU MARRY ME?

.....
...uh
YES.
GULP

Woo hoo!
We did it, Ruki-san!!
Hell yeah!
Wait a sec!
acting weird...
Yomo-yan, he's...

Uh
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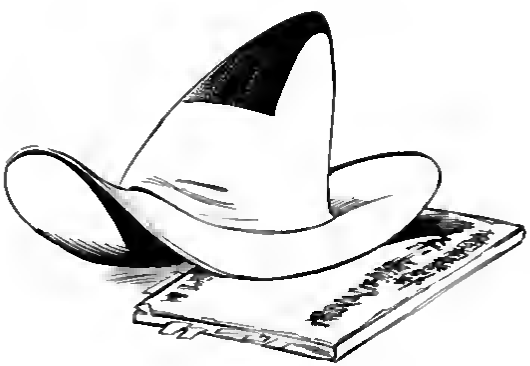
Huh?
Um...
Uh oh!
Yomo-yan, no!!
……

I can't do this, I'm sorry!
TAP
TAP
TAP
ROLL ROLL ROLL

Hey look, it's the Riceball Prince! Hey there~!
Stop that, dumb-ass!
Jeez.
Look at them, being so shy even when they're dating.
Haha, well, that's our Yomo-yan alright.
It's like nothing even changed.

[The Eleventh Chapter] End



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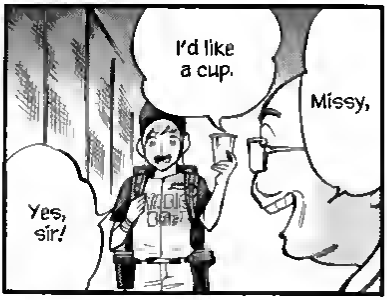
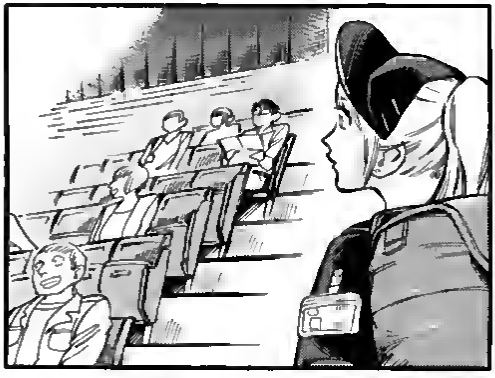
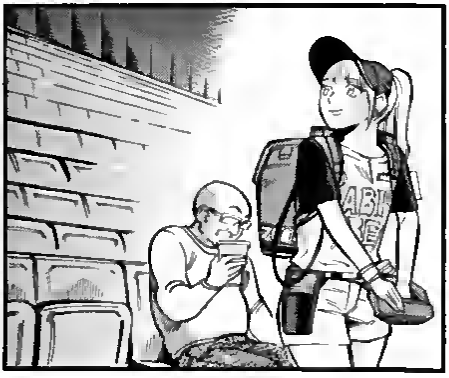
[The Twelfth Chapter] Walk-off Home Run

Get your beer!
YABIS
Cold, refreshing beer!

That'll be 700 yen, please.
Thank you very much.


I'd like a cup.
Missy,
Yes, sir!



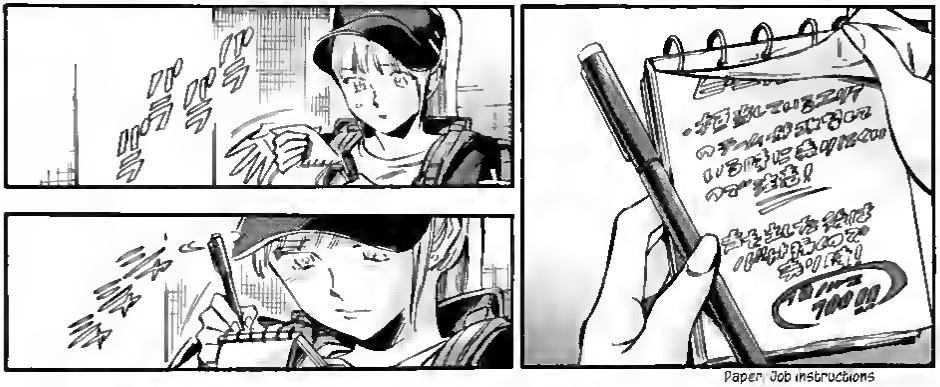


Excuse me.
Thank you very much.
Yes!
Coming right up!
I'd like a cup.

Thanks as always, Futami-san!
Here we go.
Thanks to you, too.
SWISH
Not too much foam, right?
Cor-rect.
Thank you.
Yes.
I'd also like this losing streak to stop here.
I hope we win today!

Hahaha!
You know me too well, Kishimito-san!
Then please drink a lot...
and cheer them on!
Drinking and cheering, that's the plan!
Please do so!
Oh!
Here we go!
Well then,
I'll be going for another round.

Kishimoto-san!
You've sure got a fast pace,
One more round!
You got it!
Okay!
Let's do this right!
Today's your last day, huh?
Thank you!
Alright, you're good to go.



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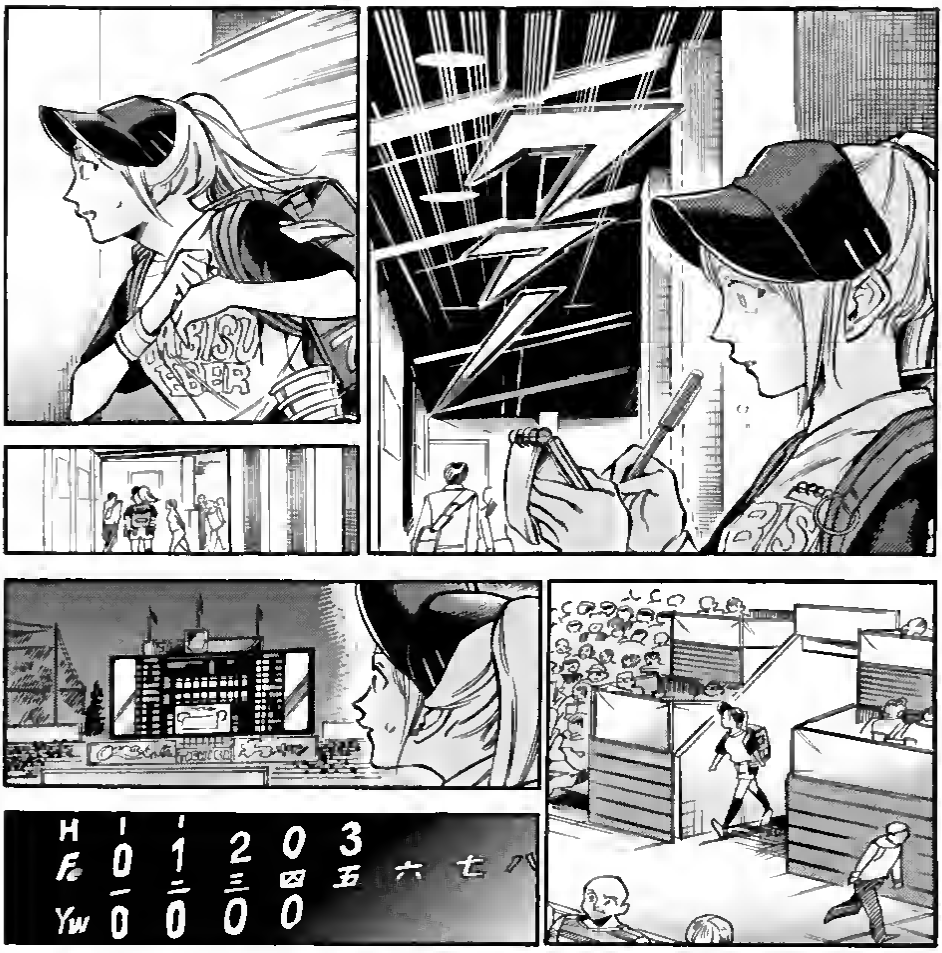
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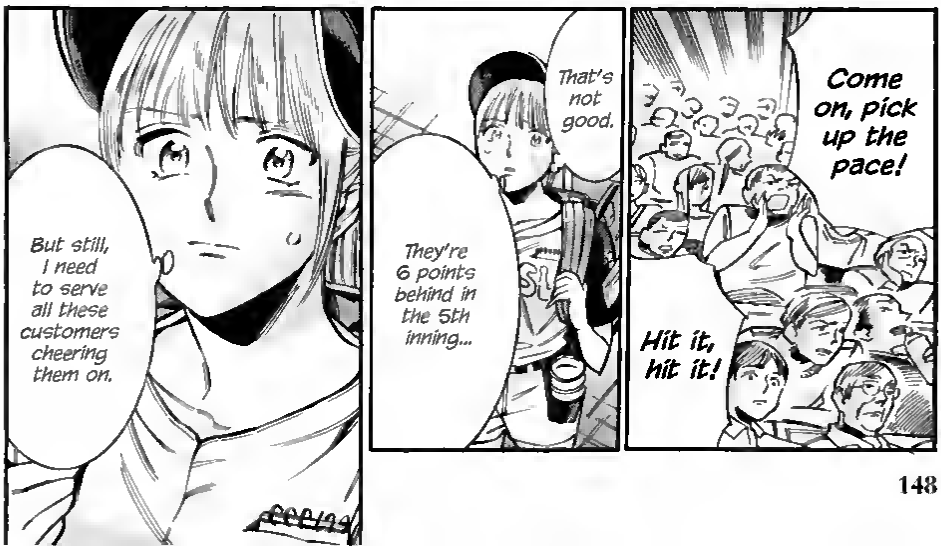
But still, I need to serve all these customers cheering them on.
They're 6 points behind in the 5th inning...
That's not good.
Come on, pick up the pace!
Hit it, hit it!

It's good!
Cold, refreshing beer!
It's not over yet!
Have some cold beer!
Have some beer!
It tastes great!
A good hit could come any second now!
Have some beer?
Thank you very much!

What should I do...
Give it to him or...?

Right.
Thank you very much.
Missy,
I'd like a cup please.
Me too!
One cup, please!
Sorry.
Could I get a cup too?
One for me too.
Sure thing.
Coming right up!
Thank you very much!

Futami-san!
Good timing, I was just going to look for you.
That's great.
Would you like a beer?
YABU BA!
Please ...
keep cheering them on.
We're just getting started.
I bet a drink or two will do the job!

I'd also like a cup, if you please.
Uum...
Sorry to interrupt but...
Of course.
Didn't you say you didn't want to drink yesterday?
Well, I got thirsty after rushing here from work!
Um, sorry,
but are you two here together by any chance?
Please meet...
my wife.
It's the first time we're both here together.
Oh, I see.

.....
Ah.
I see, your wife! That makes sense! Well, two cups coming up!
Thank you very much!
Look, they scored!
You got it!
I'll be counting on you for another round before the end of the game.

Right!
It's the last round, hang in there!
Every-one!
Thank you for everything you've done for me until now.
We'll miss you.
This is your last refill, Kishimoto-san.
Yeah!
Let's get there in time for the end!
They're starting to catch up now!

Paper: Kishimoto

They're only 2 points behind.
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六七八九
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6R
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That make this easier.
Thank goodness, everyone's excited again.
Okay!
Thank you very much!
Cold, refreshing beer!
Get your beer!
YABI BEER
Have some beer!

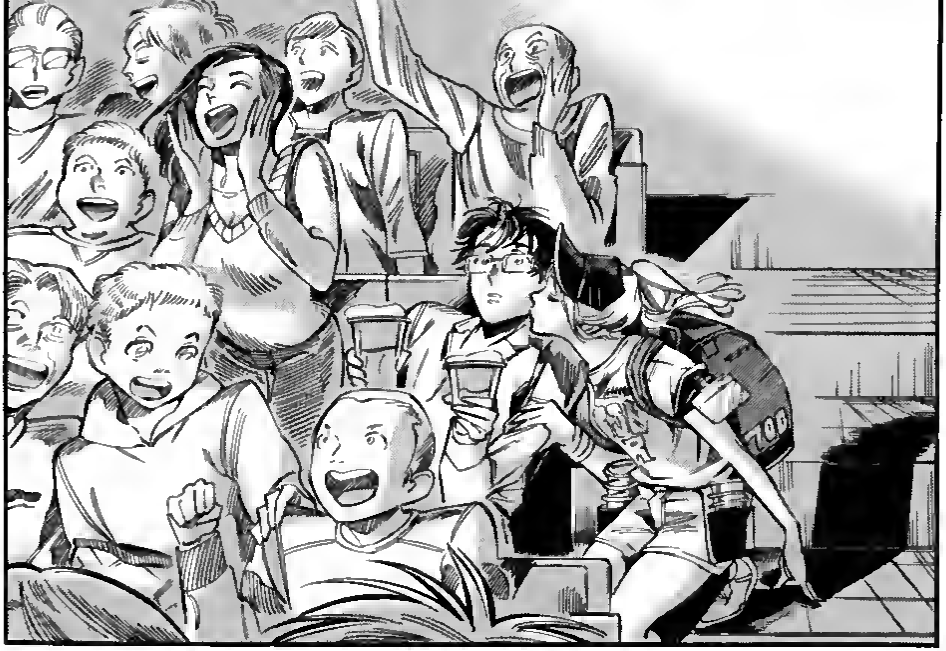
It's nice and cold!
Kishi-moto-san!
Um...
I'll be back before the bottom of the 9th!
Okay.
Could you give me just 5 minutes?
Sorry about this!

Alright, good job!
Two runners, let's go!!
End it here!!
Give us a walk-off home run!

Two cups, right?
Yes, thank you.
Futami-san.
To-day's...
my last day on the job.
I see...
What a shame.
Thank you for a great time until now.
Thank you, too.

YAMATO

Is it a home run?!
Yeah!



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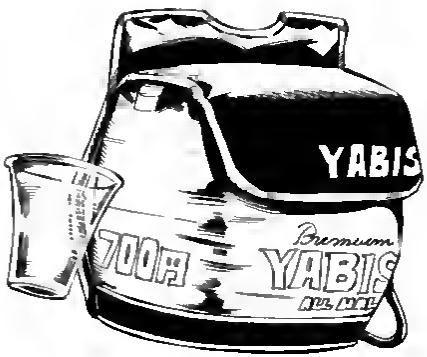

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[The Thirteenth Chapter] Their Summer

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緑高
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Mizumi.
My bad, Kyouko.
I couldn't get it in.
SUSHI
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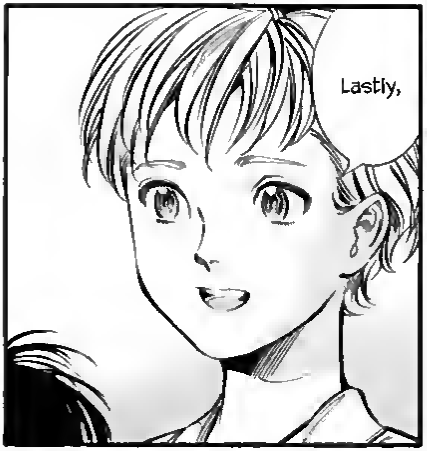
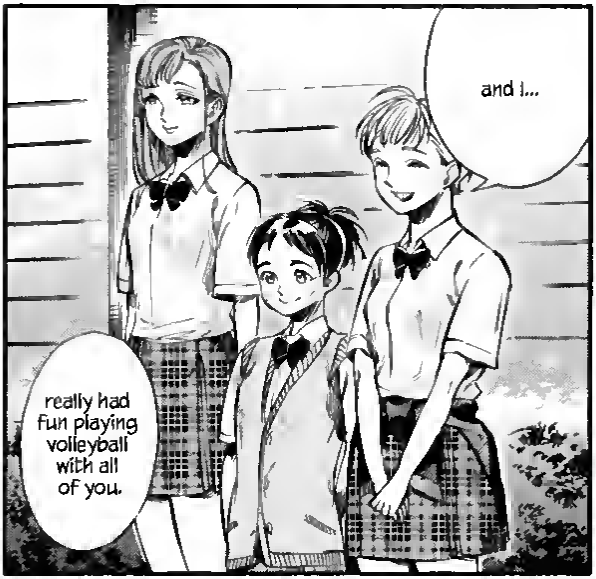
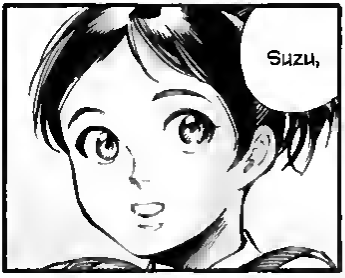
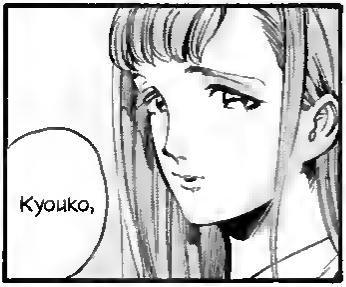
Suzu.
Yeah...!
for the match.
Thank you...


Lastly,

This is the last for us seniors in the club.
We know you first and second years...
can take the team far.


and i...
really had fun playing volleyball with all of you.


Suzu,


Kyouko,

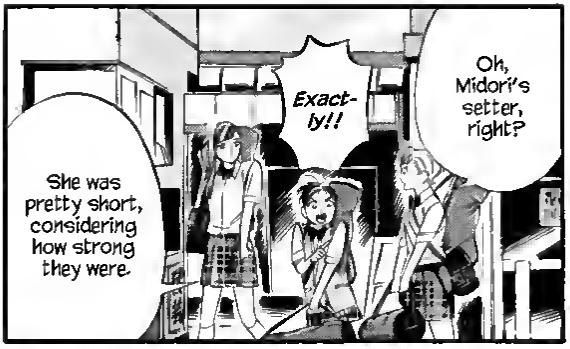
Well then,
there's one last thing the three of you need to do.

Thanks, everyone.

"Returning the equipment."
"Returning the equipment?"
What's that?
Yep.
So it's finally our turn to do this, huh!
Ahaha.
It's been a good two years!
After the last match, the seniors go back to school...
and do the normal freshman duties of cleaning and organizing the equipment.
It's a time-honored tradition in the club!
Alrighty.
Let's go!

VRRR
着信
お母さん
090422
Hello?
IS THE MATCH OVER YET?
Yeah, it just finished.
THEN HURRY UP AND COME BACK HOME.
YOU NEED TO STUDY NOW
REALLY HOW MUCH TIME ARE YOU GOING TO WASTE...
ON THAT NONSENSE?
HELLO?
ARE YOU STILL THERE?
MIZU-
Okay.
I get it already.

If you need to go,
the two of us can do it by ourselves.
Mizumi?
Yep!
Today's the last time, after all.
And I told her I'd be a bit late.
Okay.
No way, I'm still coming.
But...
Are you sure about this?
So we have to do it!
It's an important tradition, right?


Oh, Midori's setter, right?
Exact-ly!!
She was pretty short, considering how strong they were.

Hey, hey!
Remember this?

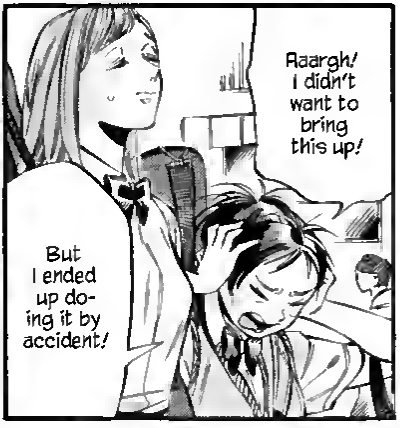
And her voice was all...
"EEE EYYY Y!!"
Right?!
Just like that!

Hey wait, we're still...
talking about volley-ball!!

Like how to change the tides of a match.
Pressure them into missing, I suppose.
But we've already lost at this point!

Just talking about it makes me so annoyed!
Let's talk about something else for a change.

Heh!
Nua


Aaargh! I didn't want to bring this up!
But I ended up doing it by accident!

Time sure flies...
when the three of us are together.
Hm?
We're here already?
But y'know,
I think we could have pulled off that formation too.
Once we're on the train,
it's straight to school...
We should talk about it with Coach.
I agree.
Wait!
Sorry.
I'm actually a bit hungry.

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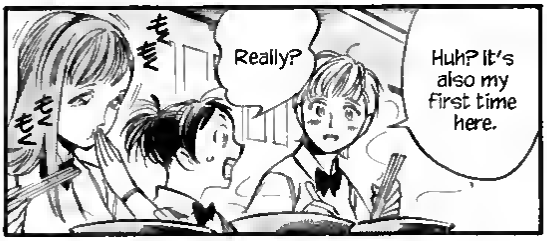
ズズッ
ワンタン
八宝菜
玉子丼
マーボー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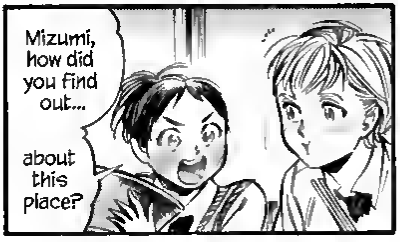
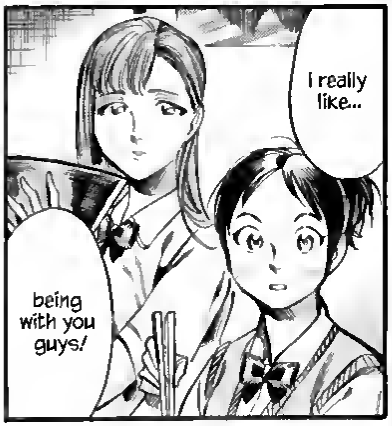
Really?
Huh? It's also my first time here.


Mizumi, how did you find out...
about this place?


I really like...
being with you guys!

I just wanted...
to have some fun on the way back.

We both...
I feel the same way.
Yeah, I know!
Mizumi.
How could you say something so embarrassing out loud?!
Oh, come on! Shush!
You've got it, eat all you can while you're still young!
Look at you ladies go!
One moment.
Gyoza for me!
I'd like a fried rice, please.
One ramen, please!
We're doubling down!
Okay!

Aha!
It's so hooo-oot~!
Come to me, AC!
We really ate way too much.
I'm out. It's all over for me.
I need some time to rest...
Suzu, you dropped this.
SLIDE

VRRR
VRRR
Hello?

I TOLD YOU TO COME BACK HOME IMMEDIATELY!
YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME AT ALL ARE YOU?!
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?!
I'm on the train right now.
Sorry, Mom.
Mom
(no subject)
This is for your sake, you know
If you don't keep up with your studies,
you'll end up like me and marry some weird
dead-beat man and do nothing with your
life. You need to study hard so you don't
have to associate with human garba
that and be happy with
od man.
VRRR
VRRR
7/22 15:03
Mom
Re:
I'll be back by 7.
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
BEEP

Mmm...
Yakult

RUSTLE RUSTLE
津永高等学校
Pheew~!
We're finally here!
It's so humid in here.
I'll keep the door open.
molten
Alright, let's start right away!
Yeah!
Mizumi,
are you okay on time?
Yup!

Well then,
let's start with polishing.
Okay.
Put them in here when you're done.
I wonder...
who came up with this tradition.
I've certainly never heard of this sort of thing anywhere else.
Well...
I kind of get it.
This club really took care of us...
for these past three years.
molten

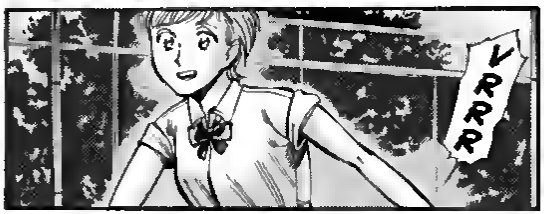
You know, even after we graduate,
I'd like to keep playing volleyball.
Okay.
Last one!
ブーン
ブーン
ブーン
Well, I probably...
won't be able to keep playing.
Why?
Huh?
Right.
Mizumi?
It was fun.
It was a rocky road, but it was really satisfying.
Yeah!
But...
she is my mom after all.
Suzu!
But I mean it!
Well,
I also don't think it makes much sense.
What?! That doesn't make any sense!
I promised my mom I'd quit after I finished high school.

I mean... I still haven't managed...
to score the winning point with my spike.
I really did want to...
continue playing volley-ball with everyone.
I really can't...
go against my mom.
Sorry.
Mizumi...
I'll stop talking now.
It was all so fun.
I wish I could have played a lot more with you guys.
Morning practice, the training camp..

Huh?
Let's do it!
What's going on?
Let's play volleyball!

Mizumi!
Wha-!
Got it!
It's mine!
Okay, okay!
Sorry, I swung too hard.
You shouldn't be swinging at all!
I know, I know.
Suzu, jeez, calm down!
It's gotten pretty late...

Geh
I'm serving!
We're ready!
Wait-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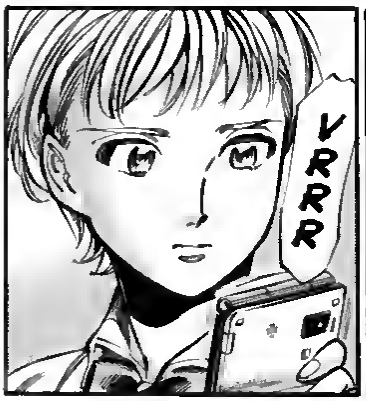
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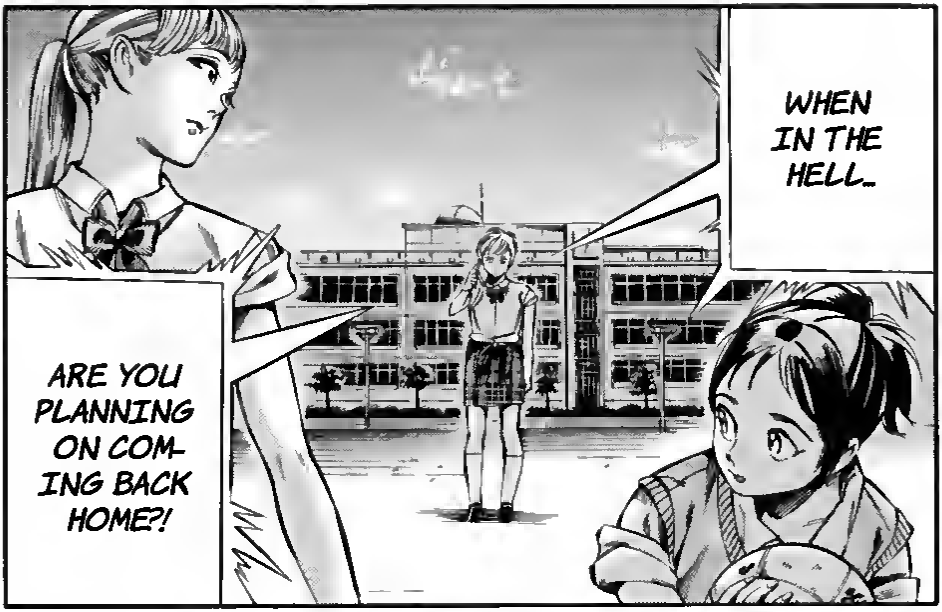
Mizumin!
You jerk!!
Haha hahaha!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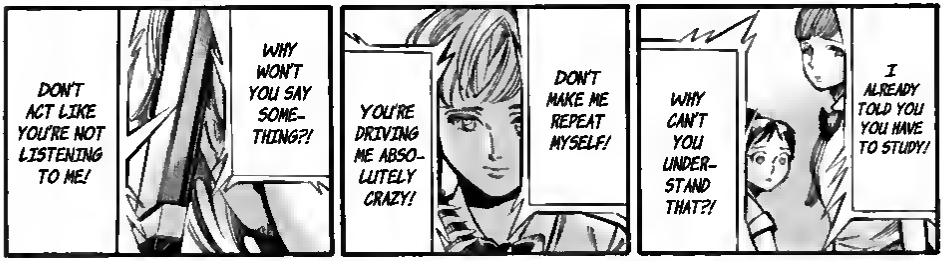
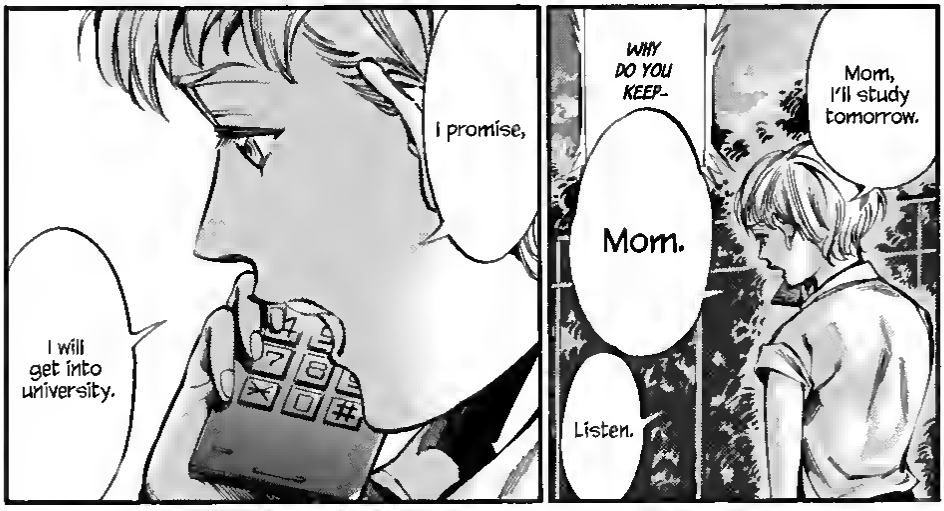
ARE YOU PLANNING ON COM-ING BACK HOME?!


DON'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME!
WHY WON'T YOU SAY SOME-THING?!
YOU'RE DRIVING ME ABSO-LUTELY CRAZY!
DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF!
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDER-STAND THAT?!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU YOU HAVE TO STUDY!

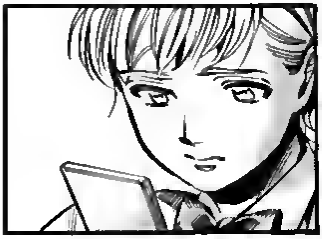

I promise,
I will get into university.
WHY DO YOU KEEP-
Mom.
Listen.
Mom, I'll study tomorrow.

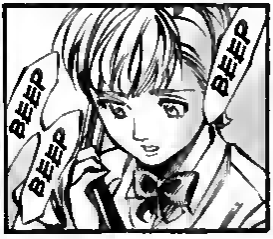
It's a really important time for me.
I want to be with my friends from the club.

So please,
let me be just this once.

Mom, please.
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN DOING IT FOR THREE WHOLE-

WHAT ARE YOU...
DON'T START THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN!




BEEP
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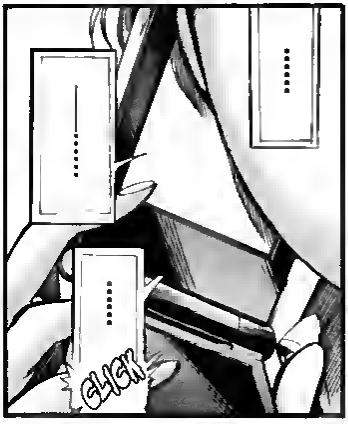
Mizumi.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We don't care how long it takes!
That's right!
We'll keep playing until you can!
Until you...
can play volleyball with us.
The two of us...
will wait for you.
Right!
Good!
Now let's keep going!

No matter how many years it takes...
the three of us will definitely play together again!
Alright.
Until then.
What do we want?
Who are we? Tsushi High Volleyball!
Victory!!
女子
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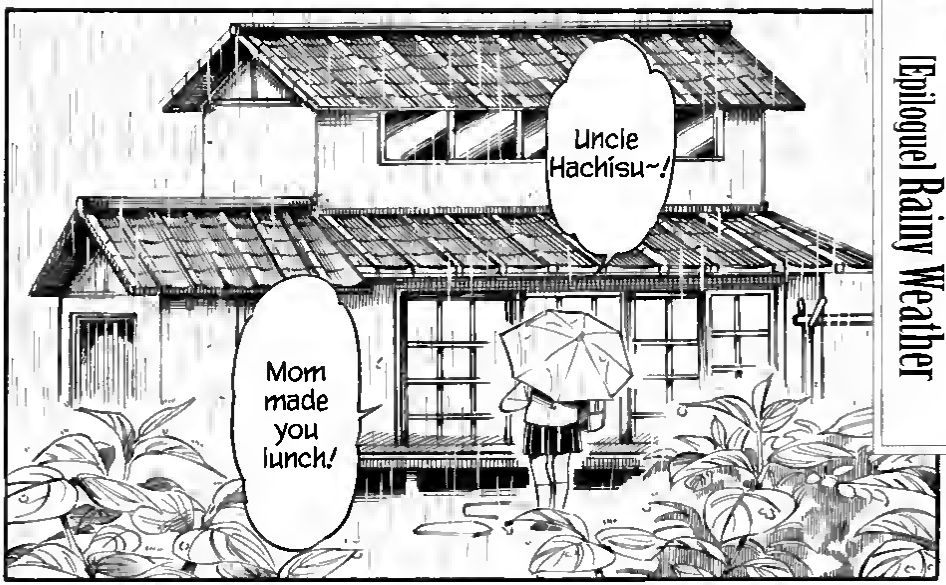

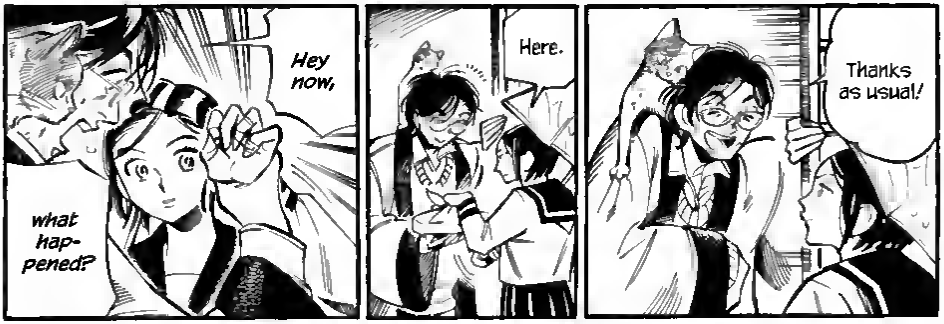

Konno-sensei,
is it true you used to be a student here?
Yes, I was. I was a regular at this library, actually.
Wow!
図書室
So have you read... many of the books from here?
Not really.
Rather than reading the books...
I usually ended up staring out the window the whole time.

To think I was excited to see what you'd come up with...
after you said you were going to write another script...
Seri-ously...
But this is just another weird love story!!
And the love scenes are even more intense this time...
No.
You can leave...
the directing to me!
Ah~!
About the cast this time...
Don't say another word.
This time, you're the hero.
And Hasabe is the heroine.

I've written it with you two in mind.
Your fate has already been sealed.
Whoa whoa whoa!
Wait a minute here!
There's no way we can accept that!
Right, Hasabe?!
Ah- Gan-chan, you asshole!
Help me out here!
It appears we have no choice...
Huh? Hasabe?
Hasabe, no!!

You won second place in the competition!
Nekota-kun!
Wow!
書道
Let's see.
What?
Nothing!
Whoa, you're right!
Awesome!

Hey, mom.
Are your friends good at volleyball?
They should be, if they haven't gotten rusty by now.
Mizumi!

Today, I have something...
very important I want to tell you.
Meiko-san.
Yes!
Okay.

Wait...
Since when?!!
貸切
Sorry!
We really wanted to keep it a secret!
Since our second year...
Cultural Festival.
Ah.
I'm out already.
Wow...Rui, did you know about this?
Nope.
You're addicted to that stuff, huh?
'scuse me! Another beer, please!

Don't give me that!
It's like this every single day!
Sorry...
about all the noise...
I'm really sorry...
Take care of it soon, alright?!
GO GO KATSUKI!!!
Just what happened to you?
You used to be so quiet, too!
Uh, well...
Go!! KATSUKI!
YOU CAN DO IT!
Go the hell back wherever you came from already...

Hell...
YEAH !!
LIVE
AND WE'VE GOT A WINNER!!
IT'S KATSUKI!!
You shut your mouth!
Mitoro-senpai, keep it down!
UTSUMI-SAAAAN!!
-OOOOOOOOH!!
That don't mean shit!
It means nothing, you hear me?!
I'm the husband here, so...
You say that, but...
You're talking to the president of the Utsumi fan club!

Daisuke, calm down for a second!
I am calm, man.
I'm plenty calm!
Ichii-san.
Yes!
Congratulations.
It's a healthy baby boy.

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